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The sea that turned to treacle



After almost a week... an armada of tugs shifts the Sea Empress into harbour

Owen Bowcott

THE grounded super tanker Sea Empress was pulled off rocks at the mouth of Milford Haven estuary by an armada of 12 tugs last night and towed slowly in towards the port at high tide.

Tugs of war... one last heave and the Sea Empress is clear of the rock on which she was impaled — but the damage to nature may be terminal

Eyewitness

Edward Pilkington on Skomer

THE Wick on Skomer island in west Wales looked like a haven of tranquillity yesterday in an angry, tossing sea.



An oyster catcher perishes of rock in one of the greatest densities of nesting birds in Britain.

in pulling the Sea Empress off the jagged rocks on which it was impaled, the oil spilled so far could turn this annual celebration of bird life into a mass disaster.

line appeared to have been painted black. The source of this contagion was clearly visible beneath St Anne's Head, about four miles south along the Pembrokeshire coastline.

As we drew closer to the Sea Empress, the area took on the semblance of a battle zone. A stream of Dakotas flew low overhead, dropping their dispersant bombs.

lands' fragile ecosystems." a spokesman said. The oil has landed ashore along miles of Milford Haven estuary, drawing a dark line on the rocks along the high water and causing havoc for local wildlife.

country's largest oil terminals, only four miles from this beautiful island. The trouble is, everybody wants oil.

New Scott blow to Waldegrave

Richard Norton-Taylor and Michael White. WILLIAM Waldegrave, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, approved the export of equipment to Iraq when he was a Foreign Office minister, despite warnings that it could be used in nuclear, chemical and biological warheads, according to evidence to the Scott inquiry.

Waldegrave "would have had an easily defensible position if there had been any public discrimination". The Iraqi order was placed in early 1990 with PMK Electronic Consultants, a company owned by teaching staff at the then Liverpool Polytechnic.

Alan Clark, then defence procurement minister. Mr Waldegrave, however, argued that refusal to grant an export licence might seem "we were looking for excuses to irritate Iraq for no reason".

the end "it was anticipated that the licence would be revoked... due to the events which ultimately led to the UN embargo on Iraq in August 1990", concludes Sir Richard, referring to the invasion of Kuwait.

Republicans face civil war after Buchanan snatches key primary

Martin Walker and Jonathan Freedland in Manchester, New Hampshire. OPEN warfare broke out within the Republican party yesterday as the erstwhile frontrunner Senator Robert Dole set off limping into a political landscape transformed by Pat Buchanan's narrow but striking victory in Tuesday's New Hampshire primary election.

friends, we will be obedient to only one sovereign in America, and that is the sovereign God himself." The final tally in the first primary of the presidential election season showed Mr Buchanan beating Mr Dole by 27 to 26 per cent, or just over 2,000 votes, with the moderate conservative Lamar Alexander third with 23 per cent and the millionaire independent Steve Forbes trailing with 12 per cent.

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Sketch

Toff question of early Scot draft



Simon Hoggart

SCOTLAND worried its way into parliamentary business yesterday, as it so often does. Phil Galle, the Tory MP for ...

Apparently the fuss is over the 19p stamp and its quote from A. A. Milne. The Post Office records the opening line as: "Wee, sleeket, cowran, tim'rous beastie" ...

I expect cross letters from readers who will explain that this is reputable 18th-century Scottish dialect, and that it's no different in principle from Chaucer. Except that Chaucer

has the excuse of writing 600 years ago. And I suspect that many of Burns's sophisticated, anglicised Edinburgh audience didn't understand a word of it either.

The difference between Mr Galle and Burns is that Mr Galle is a rough, untutored fellow who is posing as a Tory MP and therefore a toff. Rabbie Burns was a toff who posed as a rough, untutored peasant.

Next we heard from another Scot, Bill Walker (C. Tayside N), who introduced a bill which would enforce a referendum of the people before any constitutional change approved by Parliament actually took place.

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The main street in Gorey, Co Wexford, a small market town which has remained virtually untouched by the Troubles ... until now

Blair 'backed PM's errors over Ulster'

Patrick Wintour Chief Political Correspondent

TONY BLAIR'S efforts to maintain his bipartisan policy on Ireland suffered a serious blow yesterday when his former Northern Ireland spokesman, Kevin McNamara, accused John Major of contributing to the end of the IRA ceasefire by equivocating, fiddling and making errors of judgment.

Mr Major's handling of the ceasefire, he claimed, was a succession of "at worst broken promises and at best gauche political ploys".

Mr McNamara also attacked Mr Blair for "uncritically supporting each of Mr Major's errors of judgment".

Mr McNamara said: "John Major's successive errors of judgement explain, although they do not excuse, the scenes of devastation in London."

within the nationalist community. Instead Mr Major chose to fiddle.

Mr McNamara - sacked by Mr Blair 18 months ago largely for his pro-nationalist leanings - accused the Government of equivocating on the necessary reforms in policing and emergency legislation.

Mr Major came up with "a forked formula" that was ill-timed and misunderstood.

He claimed Mr Blair's bipartisanship has not been motivated by a desire to cut a deal with the Unionists or by a close Unionism.



Ed O'Brien as a keen footballer at the age of 12

O'Brien phoned his mother every Sunday. Four hours after his last call he was dead

David Sharrock and Mary Carolan

THEY didn't know how to react, but in the end most of the townspeople settled on grieving for the boy they had known all their lives and for his family, not for the IRA bomber he had inexplicably become after going abroad.

Ed O'Brien was a young man who was killed in the London bus bomb on Sunday, it read. "Mr and Mrs O'Brien are deeply shocked. They did not know that their son was involved in any illegal organisation. Their son had no involvement whatsoever in any such illegal organisation while he lived in the family home in Gorey."

Review

Bedsit tales amid the stripped pine

Adrian Searle

Tracy Emin Habit

FOR one night only, Habitat in Tottenham Court Road had a new, and alarming, shop assistant. Ask the price of a sofa, an ethnic druggist or a nice pine dining table, and Tracy Emin will tell you about her time working as a shop assistant in a sex emporium in Margate.

Instead of the tasteful and innocuous wares which surround her audience, Tracy is talking about divorce, bondage, tackle, and propositions from an over-so-artistic photographer with wonky teeth and a line in amateur hypnotism.

Emin's attentive audience perch on spring season sofas and home assembly beds, while the artist stands behind the basement sales counter, telling stories about her youth in Margate: her life in a DHSS bedsit, hammered on cider cocktails, popping blues, a rape, a black kid murdered by hard-case marines.

Shopping trips to Habitat invariably end in fantasies of domestic violence, but Tracy is telling us about a life elsewhere. The Kent coast lit up like Las Vegas, pubescent fumbles in the doorway of Burton's tailors, fake fortune tellers, fights and her mum's lesbian lover.

Emin has found herself here by way of an inspired programme of collaborations between Habitat and young artists, organised by Ben Weaver. He's more nervous than Tracy. Instead of Habitat's usual go-with-the-cur-tains prints and over-the-sofa

abstracts, Emin has applied a bedspread with a poem about the more staid joys of sex and scrawled heartrending sentiments on the pillows of Habitat's apple-pie beds.

"I am crying not for myself but for you," reads one pillow. All this could be toe-curling, but Emin, standing behind the till, reading from her endless supply of autobiographical vignettes, is made of sterner stuff. She exposes the details of the darkest corners of her life, from her schoolyard punch-ups to her abortions, from her first period to the perils of her love life.

Her most famous work is a tent on which she emblazoned the names of everyone she ever slept with, and recently she opened a museum on the Waterloo Road dedicated to herself, which she intends should stay open for the next five years.

Emin also shows at White Cube, the hottest gallery in town, alongside Damien Hirst and Antony Gormley. Now, however, she's a one-woman show, reading and extemporising, hoping she doesn't sound like Ronnie Corbett.

Next week, Emin is off to paint naked in an empty room in Stockholm. Visitors will be able to watch her through a fish-eye lens in the locked door of her studio.

But now it's Habitat, and Emin is crying as she reads, talking about her disasters, her mum, her gran, and her Turkish-Cypriot gangster father. Her self-exposure is, of course, a highly effective form of manipulation, but looking down, I notice I'm weeping into a scatter cushion.

This review appeared in later editions yesterday

Changes to London end of Chunnel link route agreed

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspondent

MORE tunnelling at the London end of the Channel tunnel rail link has been agreed by MPs in changes that finalise the route of the 68-mile railway and add £170 million to the total bill of £2.7 billion. They are designed to meet environmental concerns

and residents' worries about high-speed Eurostar trains passing close to their homes. The tunnel underneath London will be extended at Barking in east London, and there will be a less intrusive surface route near Mardyke Park in Thurrock, Essex.

The approach at St Pancras station in London is also being altered to reduce its impact on residents.

Plain writing style may be early sign of Alzheimer's

Ian Katz in New York

PEOPLE whose writing style is simple and uncluttered may be more vulnerable to Alzheimer's disease than those who write in complex, idea-packed sentences, according to research published yesterday.

In a long-term study of an order of nuns, University of Kentucky researchers found that the women who wrote in dense, grammatically complex sentences in their twenties largely remained sound of mind while most of those whose prose was simple later succumbed to the disease.

Detailing their findings in the Journal of the American Medical Association, the researchers suggested that Alzheimer's disease, which causes progressive dementia, may be a lifelong illness which shows subtle symptoms when sufferers are young.

The researchers analysed the brief autobiographies written by women before taking their vows at the Convent of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. The women, all born before 1917, were on average 22 years old when they wrote the one-page resumes.

By measuring what they called the "idea density", or number of ideas per number of words, the researchers were able to predict with 90 per cent accuracy which nuns would later fall victim to Alzheimer's.

Republicans face civil war

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Bob Dole will be the Republican choice for president. Only a year ago, after winning control of both Houses of Congress, Republicans and academics were talking of a realignment that would make the natural party of government for a generation.

But as Mr Buchanan boasted that his redneck revolt was on course for victory, panicked party officials rallied to Mr Dole's organisational juggernaut in the belief that only he has sufficient money and on-the-ground infrastructure in the 26 separate states which vote in the next five intense weeks.

Even so, the 24 Republican governors who had endorsed Senator Dole are faced with a dilemma. Either they deliver their political machines for a fading and limping candidate who looks doomed to be defeated by President Clinton; or they break with all party tradition, abandon their pledges to Mr Dole, and throw their support behind Mr Alexander as the way to stop Mr Buchanan.

A crucial figure in the party's deliberations will be its last president, George Bush. His two sons control the party machinery in the two main Southern states, where Buchanan will have to be stopped if his challenge is to be defeated. George Bush Jr is governor of Texas, and Jeb Bush is party chairman and kingmaker in Florida.

George Bush and Senator Dole share an antipathy that goes back to their rivalry in the 1980 and 1988 campaign trails - when Mr Dole accused him of "lying" while Mr Alexander has been a Bush protégé. He was picked to join the Bush cabinet as education secretary, and last year was invited to

play piano at the Bushes' 50th wedding anniversary. But Mr Bush's greatest animosity is reserved for Pat Buchanan, the man he blames for his eviction from the White House in 1992. The television commentator mounted an insurgent challenge to his own party's sitting president in New Hampshire, and Mr Bush never recovered.

Aides to Mr Dole attempted to put the New Hampshire result behind them yesterday, forecasting that the worst was over for their candidate.

Crowing that Mr Alexander and Mr Forbes had fired their best shots in New Hampshire and still failed to beat Senator Dole, campaign manager Scott Reed said the might of the Dole machine would carry him to the nomination.

In South Carolina, Governor David Beasley - a darling of the Christian right - should help Mr Dole puncture Mr Buchanan. Little by little, explains Mr Reed, the candidate will pick up the delegates he needs to win - albeit without the kickstart of a win in New Hampshire.

The strategy relies on using Mr Dole's mighty war chest, standing at \$6.5 million (\$4.2 million) in ready cash, to obliterate Mr Forbes and Mr Alexander, leaving a straight fight against Mr Buchanan.

The compacted primary timetable will make cash and organisation all the more crucial, since there will not be the time for a state-by-state approach. "The only way to win this is with a national campaign," Mr Reed said.

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Nuclear sale plans in tatters

Simon Beavis and Chris Barrie

THE Government's £2.5 billion nuclear privatisation plans were in chaos last night as ministers were forced to admit they had been considering the sale of Britain's reactors to Duke Power of the US, only to find the American company desperately trying to dissociate itself from any involvement in a private deal.

The confusion was compounded by the release of a critical report from the Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee, which raised serious concerns about safety and the financial viability of the sell-off.

With the Government in disarray, Labour called for the sell-off to be scrapped, while unions made it clear that they would fight any private deal.

Responding to yesterday's Guardian report that the Government could scrap its plans to sell the nuclear industry through a public flotation in favour of a trade sale to Duke, the Energy Minister, Tim Eggar, confirmed that merchant bankers working for the US firm had approached the Government's advisers with an expression of interest.

He denied that this meant the Government was about to abandon flotation of the eight most modern reactors but said he had a duty to consider alternative offers in the interest of taxpayers. He stressed that the approach had been "preliminary and indirect."

But even as the minister went on the record over the issue, executives at Duke Power in North Carolina were back-peddalling over their interest.

A company spokesman said: "No one at Duke Power has expressed interest, and we have not authorised anyone to do so."

He admitted that affiliates of Duke, one of America's biggest nuclear operators, were taking a keen interest in foreign privatisation programmes.

However, the Department of Trade and Industry made it clear that Schroders, the City bank working on behalf of Duke, had been in touch with the Government's privatisation advisers, E2W, with an expression of interest.

On BBC Radio, Mr Eggar said: "Yes, we have had an in-

direct approach and it is of a very preliminary nature. As you would expect we have to get the best value for the taxpayer."

He said the Government was "steaming full-power ahead" for a flotation, timed for this summer, while investigating an alternative approach.

The disclosure comes amid negotiations between the Government and the industry over a multi-billion pound reactor clean-up bill.

News of the American approach alarmed British Energy, the company set up to carry chosen atomic power stations into the private sector.

A spokesman said the company was still pressing ahead with flotation plans.

Robert Hawley, chief executive of British Energy, yesterday sent a message of reassurance to staff, saying that the company was working flat out to be floated.

But MPs on the trade and industry committee told ministers that their plan for a special fund for clean-up costs was inadequate. Warning that the taxpayer could be forced to pay for the £14.8 billion liabilities bill, the committee pointed out that British Energy could go bust if it was faced with paying all of its clean-up costs.

British Energy is holding out against government demands that the company pick up the entire clean-up bill and the row has left the flotation talks at an impasse.

The MPs are demanding that the company, and investors in it, should take on the full liabilities as well as assets, but this would depress the amount of money raised by the sale.

The committee's Labour chairman, Martin O'Neill, warned that there were "serious safety considerations" and called for boardroom changes and extra vigilance by the Government's inspectors to ensure the privatised company did not take risks in pursuit of profits.

The Government will start briefing the City on March 4 on the financial prospects for British Energy. But one City expert said that investors in the US and the UK were sceptical about the privatisation, which he described as "a nightmare", adding: "This is a horrible industry to sell. It makes Railtrack look like a piece of cake."



The Princess of Wales arrived in Pakistan yesterday for a two-day visit she insisted was strictly humanitarian, but which some local commentators claim is designed to boost the political ambitions of cricket-

ing legend turned social worker Imran Khan, writes Gerald Bourke in Islamabad. Wearing a pink shahar kameez — the loose shirt and baggy trousers that is Pakistan's national dress — and accompanied by Mr

Khan's mother-in-law, Lady Annabel Goldsmith, the princess arrived at Lahore airport to a warm embrace from Mr Khan's wife, Jehanina and a firm handshake from the ex-cricketer. At the VIP lounge the

princess was met by Punjab's finance minister, Hamid Afzal Sindh, named minister-in-waiting for her stay by the prime minister, Benazir Bhutto. It was a tense and delicate few minutes. The princess

had declined an invitation to stay at the governor's palatial residence. Mr Khan, aged 43, is raising funds for a cancer hospital in memory of his mother who died of the disease. "I have come to Pakistan

to help Imran Khan in his humanitarian work," Princess Diana said at the house of an industrialist friend of Mr Khan's, where she is staying. "There is no other purpose."

PHOTOGRAPH BY RUSSELL BOYCE

Slurs in Imran biography win damages for Gatting

John Duncan Sports Correspondent

MIKE GATTING, the former England captain, received apologies and five-figure damages yesterday over claims that he "epitomised and brought to the England game, the outlook of a racially prejudiced and uneducated Englishman".

The claims had been made in a 1994 biography of Imran Khan, written by Ivo Tennant and related to Gatting's famous run-in with the Pakistani umpire Shakoor Rana, in which he was seen on television gesticulating angrily during a heated nose-to-nose confrontation with the umpire.

The book, said a statement read out at the High Court, had accused Gatting of "un-



Gatting and Imran during a 1980s Test. PHOTOGRAPH BY DON MCFEE

justifiably accusing the Pakistani umpire of being a cheat in circumstances in which he would have downplayed the same conduct by an English umpire as a mere mistake". The book also said that Gat-

ting "had been responsible for stripping from international cricket any remaining veneer of honour and decency". "The overall effect of these remarks," said the statement,

"was that [Gatting] had demonstrated himself to be devoid of the qualities of sportsmanship, honour and decency expected of a national cricket captain."

Tennant and Cassals, the publishers of the book, accepted that Gatting was "justifiably upset that these views were included in the book" and had stopped distribution of it once Gatting's feelings were known. "The defendants deeply regret the publication of these wounding and damaging allegations for which there was no justification," said their counsel Rupert Grey. "They wish to express publicly their unqualified withdrawal of the allegations in the book and to offer their sincere apologies to [Mr Gatting] for the distress and injury he has suffered."

The book, which is still available in paperback with

the offending sections removed, has already caused a few headlines. In it Imran admitted that he cheated by tampering with the ball to make it swing.

Imran, who co-operated fully with the author of the book, has apologised in writing to Gatting, stressing that he holds Gatting "in great respect as a sportsman".

The Shakoor incident occurred at Faisalabad in December 1987 when the umpire stopped play as the England bowler Eddie Hemmings was in his run-up, because a fielder was being moved. Gatting told the umpire that he had already informed the batsman, at which point Shakoor swore at the England captain and accused him of cheating and the altercation, overheard by on-the-pitch microphones, occurred.

Gatting, the last England

captain to win the Ashes, retired from Test cricket a year ago. He has never enjoyed a career of quiet simplicity. He was sacked as England captain after the selectors accused him of behaving "irresponsibly" in inviting a woman to his room for a late night drink on the eve of a Test match innings, although Gatting has always maintained that nothing improper happened. His Test career was interrupted by his decision to join a rebel tour of South Africa, after which his wife received death threats and he had to hire a security firm to guard his house.

As well as his finger-pointing in 1987, Gatting is etched in cricket history as the victim of the "wonderball", Shane Warne's impossibly leg-spin first delivery in an English Test match, which clean-bowled him.

Health of Chinese dissident deteriorates in freezing cell

John Gittings

EXCEPTIONAL security surrounds China's most famous dissident, Wei Jingsheng, who is immured in a northern labour camp as fears grow over his health. His isolation block is guarded tightly behind four separate sets of walls, and he is said to be limping and in pain.

Mr Wei, aged 45, was re-sentenced last December to 14 years in jail, after serving almost all of a 15-year sentence imposed in 1978. Then, Deng Xiaoping, China's paramount leader, put Mr Wei on a special list for criticising him — a list from which he has not been removed.

Visitors must enter an elaborate complex to reach Mr Wei's detention room. The whole complex is enclosed by the outer wall of the East Hebei No 1 Prison in Tangshan City.

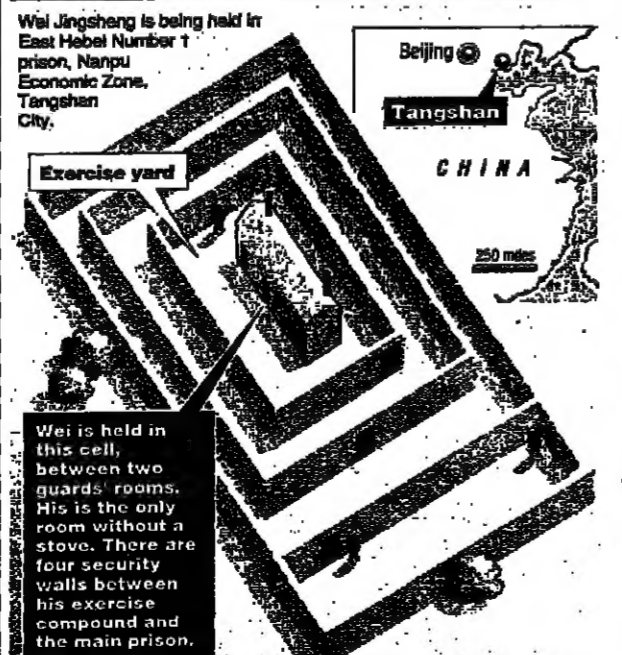
Mr Wei spent several years there in the early 1980s after being moved from north-west China where local prison authorities feared he might die on their hands. Supporters of Mr Wei say his conditions are worse, and they fear his health has deteriorated dangerously.

Mr Wei complains of very painful knee joints. He has become thinner and has a suspected heart condition. Prison authorities say written applications must be made before a specialist can examine him.

During his previous imprisonment Mr Wei lost most of his teeth and was provided with a stove on which he could cook especially soft food. After the Beijing massacre the stove was taken away.

His jailers said it had been given to him under the "poisonous influence" of the for-

Maximum security



Wei Jingsheng faces 14 years in jail, where he has been almost continuously since 1979



His brother, G2 page 5

mer party leader Zhao Ziyang (sacked for being sympathetic to the Tiananmen Square students). Mr Wei went on hunger strike until it was restored.

This time Mr Wei again has no stove though both of the guards' rooms adjoining his are equipped. He says there is no point in going on hunger strike again. Without any stove his own room is very cold and damp in the bitter, north Chinese winter.

Mr Wei was freed from his

previous sentence six months early, in September 1983. His family claims he was fed drugs to put on weight and seem more healthy.

After release he refused to remain silent, calling for democracy within and inside the Chinese Communist Party. He enraged the government by urging the US not to grant China Most Favoured Nation trading status and was re-detained in April 1984.

His family was unable to

discover where he was held until last December when he was jailed after a hasty trial for "attempting to overthrow the Chinese government".

Supporters are seeking to mobilise protest through the European Union and at next month's meeting of the United Nations human rights commission. Mr Wei was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize last year.

How could this man who had, as far as I was concerned, invented bisexuality and glittery nail varnish end up as a wallpaper designer, living in Switzerland and accepting awards for long term service from the likes of Tony Blair? What has happened to the world?

Suzanne Moore

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Labour says oil disaster could have been avoided had Government acted on all Lord Donaldson's recommendations

Ministers 'ignored Braer lesson'

Strong tug could have aided tanker

David Fairhall and Owen Bowcott

A POWERFUL salvage tug would have been available to help free the Sea Empress from rocks on the South Wales coast if the Government had immediately accepted tanker safety recommendations following the Braer disaster three years ago. Its 150,000 tonnes of oil are now threatening environmental catastrophe.

Two tugs were contracted at government expense for emergencies this winter. But they are based at Dover and Stornoway in the Hebrides, and were not called for by the salvage team struggling to save the Sea Empress at Milford Haven. A third tug for the Western Approaches, recommended as a next step in Lord Donaldson's May 1984 report on the loss of the Braer, has not yet been provided.

Yesterday the Department of Transport conceded that filling that gap "will certainly be foremost in the minds" of the marine accident investigators preparing a report on the Sea Empress as the Government's handling of the problem came under renewed attack.

While the shipping minister, Lord Goschen, insisted that the department had accepted Lord Donaldson's report — Safer Ships, Cleaner Seas — Labour claimed crucial suggestions had been ig-

nored and said that more tugs should have been stationed around Britain's coastline.

Among Lord Donaldson's 103 recommendations was a proposal to provide an emergency towing capability where the danger of tanker accidents and pollution was greatest.

His report said: "We believe that the way forward is to consider first how the two key areas — the Dover Strait and North West Scotland — can best be provided with strong tugs. The Western Approaches should be considered next."

The following year, the then transport secretary, Brian Mawhinney, announced that he was accepting 86 of the 103 recommendations, and established two emergency tugs at Stornoway and Dover at a cost of £2 million a year.

But no contract was provided for the south-western coast, although Smit Tak and Cory Towing, two of the companies involved at Milford Haven, did agree informally to keep the Coastguard posted on the whereabouts of the large tug, Kondor.

And whereas tug operators were originally asked to tender for a three to five-year standby at Dover and Stornoway, the government contract was suddenly reduced to provide only six months winter cover.

In the event, the Kondor was working in Spain when the Sea Empress ran aground last week. Its place was taken by the Anglian Earl, which



Clean-up starts... two members of the Texaco Natural History Club picking up bird victims of the Sea Empress spill

PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVID SIMS

took 24 hours to arrive. Asked yesterday if the provision of a permanent emergency tug in the Western Approaches would have made any difference, Stephen Dennis, a member of the Sea Empress salvage team, said: "It would have enabled one tug to be here a few hours sooner. That's a very fine balance of time."

"The ship had run aground at 8pm on Thursday and the Milford Haven harbour tugs owned by Cory had already pulled her off by 10pm."

In Milford Haven yesterday

Lord Goschen said the Government had accepted Donaldson's recommendation to station tugs in locations with the highest risk.

"We contracted an independent tugs study into where the priorities would be and we have set up tugs in the

Dover Strait and in the Minches."

But Labour accused the Government of failing to provide sufficient emergency cover. The shadow transport secretary, Clare Short, said Lord Donaldson should be recalled immediately to look at the issue. "It's the Government's fault that the Donaldson recommendations were not implemented. He said you have to have tugs of a certain pulling strength standing by and there are not many around."

The Labour MP for New-

Extent of oil pollution makes spill drop in ocean

Tim Radford Science Editor

THE OIL that oozed from the shattered hull of the Sea Empress aground off Milford Haven spread like a black hazard to wildlife. But marine biologists pointed out yesterday, even 50,000 tonnes of North Sea crude would be literally a drop in the ocean compared with the global spill of oil on the environment by human use of oil.

One estimate puts the continuous, chronic poisoning of the environment by hydrocarbon pollution at 2.35 million tonnes a year. According to a US National Science Foundation study, only two per cent comes from the hulls of tankers or spills at oil rigs.

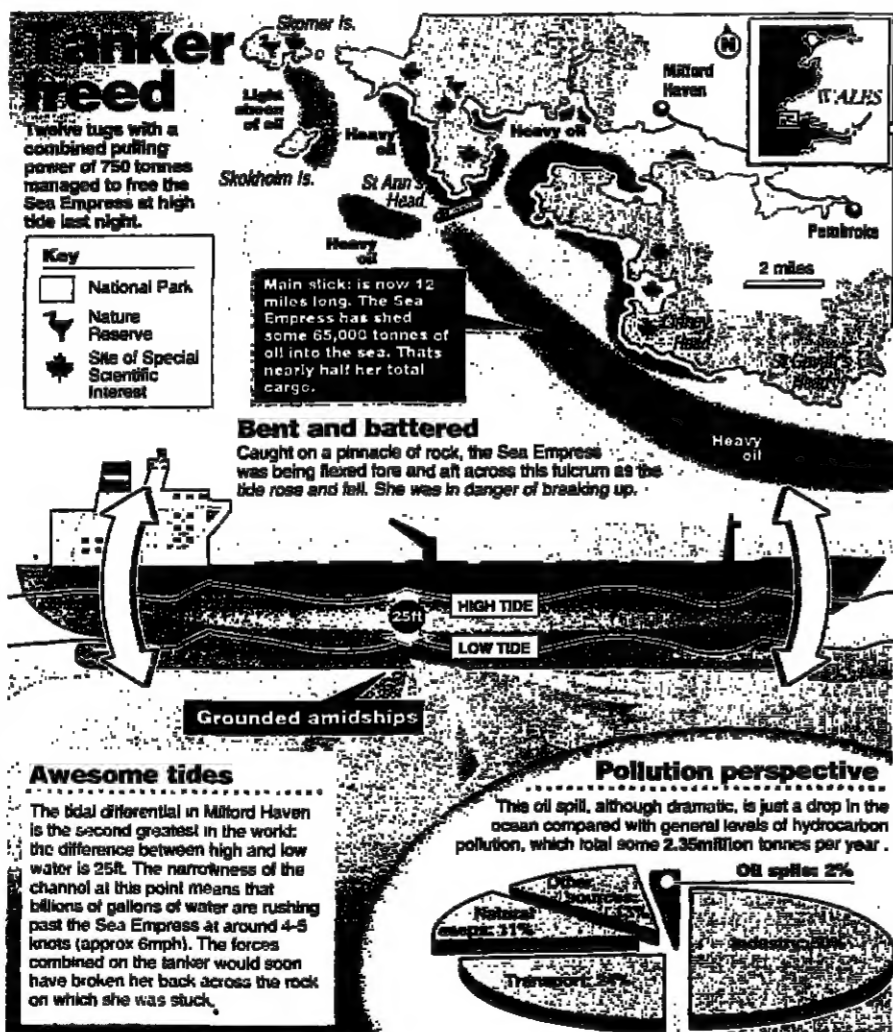
Eleven per cent comes from natural sources — tar sands and oil seeps — 13 per cent from the atmosphere, 24 per cent from all forms of transport and an astonishing 50 per cent slithers down the drains and rivers and into the sea from cities and industries.

"Because it is a chronic input and not visible, like oil spills, it hasn't been noticed before," said Dr John Widdows, of the Plymouth Marine Laboratory, who has been working on ways to measure the effect of contamination.

"But actually the oil entering the environment from oil spills and tanker operations is only about 2 per cent of the global input. So you have to put it into perspective."

But each menacing slick — from the Torrey Canyon in 1967 off Llandis End, the Amoco Cadiz off Ushant in 1978, the Exxon Valdez in Alaska in 1989, the Braer off Shetland in 1983 — sets off alarms.

Dr Widdows said: "There is the obvious effects in the



smothering and killing of marine life. But when you have cleared that up, there are less visible effects. The oil is raised into the water column and accumulated to quite high concentrations into the body tissues of animals, and these obviously have sub-lethal toxic effects.

But each case is different. The destruction depends on the kind and quantity of oil spilled, the time of year of the accident, the weather, the temperature, the wind direction, the environment, the mix of local wildlife and even the way humans react. "In terms of the clean-up operation, we have learned from the past that it is much better to leave it to nature than do a bulldozing job," he said. "There are some beaches and some areas where you want to use detergents. But a rocky shore is very difficult to clean up."

A light crude oil from the North Sea is likely to surrender quickly to its more volatile toxins once exposed to air, sea and motion. "What remains will be quickly subject to attack by microbes.

But other processes will also be at work. Crabs, bivalves and fish will also be concentrating quantities of poisons in their tissues; some of these will be more toxic than the original poisons.

The lesson of most of the major oil spills in temperate waters was that it took around 10 years for wildlife to recover.

"It really depends on the time of year the spill occurs, and what effect it has on the algae," Dr Widdows said. "It's very complex; you can't predict precisely."

Government's youngest member left at the helm to brave waves of criticism over handling of spill

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspondent

THE little-known shipping minister and hereditary peer Lord Goschen has found himself thrust into the media spotlight by the maritime catastrophe of the Sea Empress oil spill.

Giles John Harry Goschen was appointed as a junior transport minister in July 1984 at the age of 28, making him the youngest member of the Government.

At just 26 he had joined the whips office, ranking him with Lord Melchett — a Labour whip at the same age in 1974 — as the youngest government member since the war.

Apart from his spell in the whips office, Lord Goschen had also been spokesman on the environment, and in 1983 helped to steer the controversial rail privatisation legislation through the House of Lords.

Although he had no experience of shipping before taking on the job, his interest in transport extends to ownership of a private pilot's licence. A speed freak whose wife Sarah regularly rode on the pillion of his motor bike, he expressed regret at having to give up the machine for the chauffeur-driven car that comes with the current job.

The fourth Viscount Goschen comes from a family steeped in politics. His



Lord Goschen... hereditary peer suddenly in spotlight

he has worked hard and with great enthusiasm to get to grips with the subject matter. But they conceded that he was much less experienced than Lord Coltham, who moved from transport to the Foreign Office and then back to transport again.

Over the last few days Lord Goschen has had to brave the winds of the West Wales coast and rebut growing criticism of the way the Government has tackled the salvage operation.

Until now, he was probably best remembered for his observations during a Lords debate on the dangers of using mobile telephones while driving.

Refusing to outlaw the practice, he prompted sniggers with his comments that "there are many things that can be done in a car with one hand which do not come under the category of specific offences."

Senior sources within the shipping industry say that

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News in brief

Campaign to allay meningitis fears

A CAMPAIGN to allay fears about meningitis is to be launched in September. The Government's Chief Medical Officer Kenneth Calman said yesterday. The publicity drive will begin before the annual rise in cases in the months leading up to Christmas. It follows an increase in cases of meningococcal meningitis over the past four years — and a 36 per cent increase in the past year alone.

Fire cuts 'pose bomb risk'

CUTS in the fire service at a time when the IRA has renewed its bombing campaign in Britain will put lives at risk, a union leader warned yesterday, as it emerged that the London Fire Authority is likely to scale back its cost-saving programme today. The authority's controlling Labour group is to propose cutting up to 350 jobs and 12 engines instead of the 500 jobs and 22 appliances first suggested. Four threatened stations will now be retained. Ken Cameron, general secretary of the Fire Brigades Union, said that six of the 10 appliances first on the scene of the Canary Wharf bomb attack would still be earmarked to be scrapped. Cuts are being made because of the local authority grant settlement last November. Scotland, Tyne and Wear, Surrey and Essex face severe reductions. — *Samantha Milne*

Apology for 15-hour journey

EUROSTAR passengers are to be compensated after their journey from London to Paris took 15 hours — including three hours stuck in the Channel tunnel. The train should have left Waterloo just before 1pm on Tuesday and was scheduled to arrive three hours later. But some passengers did not reach Paris until 4am yesterday. A Eurostar spokesman said: "We sincerely regret the extreme delays that arose which were due to a variety of factors, including the bad weather."

Branson puts balloon on hold

RICHARD Branson yesterday postponed his bid to fly round the world by balloon. The Virgin tycoon said he was "deeply disappointed" but would return to his southern Moroccan launch site in October for another attempt on the last great unclaimed aviation record. Mr Branson has been ready to take off from Marrakesh since mid-January, but the flight has been prevented by ground winds and the heaviest rain in Morocco since 1917.

Bid to declare father dead

NIGEL GRIFFITHS, the Labour MP for Edinburgh South, has launched a legal action to have his missing father formally declared dead. Lionel Griffiths, a 70-year-old retired teacher from Edinburgh, disappeared while hillwalking in Austria in 1994. Mr Griffiths has asked lawyers to bring an action in the Court of Session in Edinburgh. A legal notice appeared in The Scotsman newspaper yesterday.

Rowntree Foundation

A FRONT PAGE report in some editions of the Guardian yesterday, headed "Resignation calls grow", on opinion polls about the impact of the Scott Report, wrongly referred to "a separate ICM poll for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation". That poll was not in fact commissioned by the foundation, whose charitable objectives do not include this type of activity, but by the wholly separate Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust.



Artist Damien Hirst, famed for his dead sheep sculpture, at the Hayward Gallery, London, where his first film will be shown in the Spellbound exhibition opening today. Hirst's 20-minute film tells the violent story of a man with three wives and an obsession with Airfix models. Its soundtrack includes Pulp and Alex James from Blur. PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID SILLITOE

Euro-court ruling raises Tory storm

Lawyers say decision lends weight to plea by killers of James Bulger

Clare Dyer Legal Correspondent

THE European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg provoked a storm yesterday when it ruled that the Home Secretary must lose the right to decide when prisoners convicted of murder under 18 are released.

It held that the SAS shooting of three IRA terrorists on Gibraltar breached their right to life. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, said he was disappointed and would carefully consider the implications of the court's unanimous ruling. It leaves the Government no option but to change the law to give prisoners detained at her majesty's pleasure for murders committed while under 18 the right to challenge their detention before a judicial body, which will take

the final decision out of the Home Secretary's hands. The ruling will not affect the Home Secretary's right to set the "tariff" — the minimum sentence which must be served for retribution and deterrence — in the case of juvenile murderers like the killers of toddler James Bulger. But it does away with his right to decide when a prisoner should be released, once the tariff has expired. The case was brought by Prem Singh and Abed Hussain, both in their 30s but still in prison for murders committed in their teens. Lawyers believe it points to a successful challenge by Robert Thompson and Jon Venables, James Bulger's killers, on Mr Howard's right to fix a tariff of 15 years, when the trial judge recommended eight and the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor, 10. The case of Thompson and Venables is at an early stage in Strasbourg.

The ruling, the latest in a series of defeats for the government in Strasbourg prompted a call by the Tory leadership contender and former cabinet minister John Redwood for the Government to consider opting out of the Council of Europe, which enforces the European Convention on Human Rights. However, ministers recently signed up to the

Strasbourg machinery for another five years on the basis that Britain could not be seen to opt out while encouraging states of the former Soviet Union to opt in. Tory MP Sir Ivan Lawrence, chairman of the Commons home affairs select committee, called for the European Convention on Human Rights to be incorporated into UK law, so human rights cases could be brought before UK judges in domestic courts. Singh, aged 15 when he was convicted of murdering an elderly widow who had befriended him, and Hussain, convicted aged 16 of killing his younger brother, were

awarded legal costs of £13,000 and £19,000 respectively, but no compensation for extra time spent in prison. The decision is the latest in a series of defeats for the UK in the Strasbourg court, where only Italy has a worse record than Britain for losing cases. John Wadham, director of the human rights group Liberty, welcomed the decision. "It will mean that politicians and short term political popularity will have no place in making the difficult decisions concerning balancing the liberty of the subject against the protection of the public." Leader comment, page 8

Young killers denied human rights, say reformers

Clare Dyer

THE system for dealing with children who commit murder in England and Wales conflicts with international human rights standards and must be changed, the law reform group Justice says today. The report, which coincides

with the Government's defeat over the issue at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, attacks the Home Secretary's role in deciding release dates as "constitutionally improper". The Justice working party — which includes two leading QCs, the eminent child psychiatrist Sir Michael Rutter, and a former adviser to the

Department of Health — calls for a system to bring Britain into line with other European countries. It argues that the current system breaches principles of fairness in human rights law. A single offence of homicide to replace murder and manslaughter for under 18s and in private by a judge and two magistrates for those under 14. Abolition of the mandatory sentence of detention at her majesty's pleasure, with discretion to impose the appropriate sentence, including indefinite custody. Decisions on release to be taken by an independent

panel, which would monitor progress annually. Consideration to be given to whether the age of criminal responsibility — 10 in England and Wales and eight in Scotland — needs to be raised. The report points out that children who commit homicide are likely to be seriously disturbed. It criticises the way Robert Thompson and Jon Venables, aged 10 when they killed the toddler James Bulger, were tried aged 11 in an adult crown court and had their minimum term in custody — the "tariff" — fixed by the Home Secretary. The fixing of their tariff was done in a "public and political" manner.

pan country has indeterminate sentences for juveniles which are not judicially supervised, the element of British system declared a breach of human rights by the Strasbourg court. The report points out that children who commit homicide are likely to be seriously disturbed. It criticises the way Robert Thompson and Jon Venables, aged 10 when they killed the toddler James Bulger, were tried aged 11 in an adult crown court and had their minimum term in custody — the "tariff" — fixed by the Home Secretary. The fixing of their tariff was done in a "public and political" manner.



James Bulger: His killers were tried in adult court

£20,000 prize for architecture

Maev Kennedy Heritage Correspondent

THE first annual cash prize for British architecture has been launched in an attempt to improve the media profile of good design. It is hoped the Stirling Prize competition — £20,000 for the building of the year — named in honour of the late Sir James Stirling, will do for architecture what the Booker and Turner prizes have done for literature and fine art. The prize, open to any building in the UK completed since January 1993, will be presented in November.

Stirling's architectural partner, Michael Wilford, said yesterday he hoped the prize would encourage young architects and persuade them to submit their work. His late partner had felt disillusion and frustration at the lack of recognition in his own country, and was much more highly regarded in Germany and the US. Sir James, one of the most innovative British architects, was knighted shortly before his death in 1992. So far British architects and Turner prizes have done for literature and fine art. The prize, open to any building in the UK completed since January 1993, will be presented in November.

The first essential for either the Booker or the Turner prize hype is a public row between the judges, but the Riba has not yet clinched the deal with "a major arts world figure" to head the panel, which includes Owen Luder, its president. Anyone may nominate a building for the prize, which is sponsored by the Sunday Times. National category awards are being established for the first time, for housing, conservation, commercial, health, education, sport and leisure, and civic and community building, and the building of the year will generally come from this list, though the judges may opt for an out-

sider. The Riba regional awards, chosen by 14 regional judging panels, will continue as before. The organisers are keen to see smaller and more unusual buildings than the office and housing schemes which traditionally dominated awards. Buildings likely to be nominated for the first Stirling Prize include a headquarters for John Menzies in Edinburgh, by Bennetts Associates; a library for Jesus College, Cambridge, by Evans and Shaler; a nursery school in Kilburn by Alford, Hall, Monaghan, Morris, and a Citizens' Advice Bureau at Chessington, Surrey, by Brantam Architects.

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Smokers have 'odd brains'

Tim Radford Science Editor

NEW York scientists have discovered there is more to smoking than just a taste for nicotine. The brains of smokers really are different: they contain 40 per cent less of an enzymatic enzyme called monoamine oxidase B. Quite what this means isn't entirely clear. But Joanna Fowler, of Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, New York, and colleagues at the state university of Stony Brook, report in the journal Nature today that the discovery may lead

to new drugs which could help in what they call a "massive, yet potentially preventable" public health problem. They studied scans of the brains of living smokers, and matched the effect of the habit, and the life history of the smoker. They did the tests between 100 minutes and 12 hours after the last cigarette. Overall, the pattern was clear. There was less of the enzyme MAO B in the brains of smokers than in non-smokers. MAO B is involved in the breakdown of dopamine, a neurotransmitter which plays a part in movement and behaviour.

Dopamine is also involved in Parkinson's disease: there is more at stake in this kind of research than just stained fingers. George Koob, of the Scripps research institute at La Jolla, points out in Nature that smoking is associated with increased alertness, performance during fatigue, and better intellectual responses. He writes: "Chronic MAO B inhibition in the brain may explain the resistance of cigarette smokers to Parkinson's disease, and may contribute to the performance-enhancing properties of cigarette smoking."

Driver denies murder of French girl

Duncan Campbell Crime Correspondent

ALORRY driver appeared in court yesterday charged with the murder of French student Céline Figard. He was remanded in custody for seven days. Stuart Morgan, 36, from Parkstone, Poole, in Dorset is pleading not guilty at Redditch, Worcestershire, to the murder of the accountancy student who disappeared on December 19 from a service station in Berkshire. Her naked body was found near a layby on December 28. She had been strangled. Ms Figard had been on a holiday in Britain to visit a cousin in Hampshire. She was last seen getting into a white Mercedes lorry at the Chieveley service station on the M1. A major search was launched and members of her family came from France to appeal for information. The search ended with the discovery of her body near the village of Ombersley, Worcestershire. Verdict: suicide.

Bride dead in car after wedding quarrel

A BRIDE was found dead in a car after she discovered her husband had left the wedding reception for "five minutes shut-eye", an inquest heard yesterday. Catherine Johns, 38, married Brian Wilson last December at a register office, Rodney Corner, North Buck-

inghamshire coroner at the Milton Keynes inquest, heard that her sons by her first marriage were at the reception and that Mrs Wilson's anger extended to son Tommy Sherlock, a soldier, when he said he would have to return to barracks early the following morning. The newlyweds and

Tommy returned home and the argument continued with such ferocity the police had to be called. A post mortem revealed Mrs Wilson died of carbon monoxide poisoning. She had 3 1/2 times the driving alcohol limit in her body. Verdict: suicide.

Basque MP held over video

The Race

Louisiana (Feb 6): Buchanan
Iowa (Feb 12): Dole

New Hampshire



Candidate	Votes	% of vote
Pat Buchanan	55,997	27%
Bob Dole	53,523	26%
Lamar Alexander	46,616	23%
Steve Forbes	25,135	12%

Tally with 98% of votes counted.

The Schedule

- Feb 24: Delaware
- Feb 27: North Dakota, South Dakota & Arizona
- Mar 5: Junior Tuesday Colorado, Connecticut Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Massachusetts, Rhode Island & Vermont
- Mar 7: New York
- Mar 12: Super Tuesday Florida, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee & Texas
- Mar 19: Ohio, Illinois, Michigan & Wisconsin
- Mar 26: California

Martin Walker in Manchester sees the Republican electorate respond to far-right rhetoric and lashings of charm

Smiling Buchanan savours win

THE fire marshals closed the overcrowded ballroom just after 7pm, nearly two hours before Pat Buchanan squeezed through the cheering mob to the podium to claim the stunning primary victory which the television network had just declared.

Bittersweet, an ageing rock band with grey ponytails and beer bellies, lit loose a final guitar riff and rolled the drums as chants of "Go Pat, go" began to make the walls tremble.

"Don't wait for orders from headquarters, my friends. Mount up and ride for the sound of the guns," Mr Buchanan said with that sudden guffaw that takes the edge off so many of his statements.

Rarely can a politician have been so inflammatory in speech, yet so engaging in demeanor.

"They threw everything they had at us, my friends.

They told you I was an extremist. They tried to smear us and to smear my friends. The establishment pumped millions into barrage after barrage of television ads against me and got their media cronies to go after me, and you saw through them.

"You stood firm under fire. You fought like veterans. You held that Merrimack river line from Nashua to Manchester to Concord, and you never gave an inch. You took their barrage, stopped their charge, and then we routed them at beyond point out of this great state of New Hampshire."

He went on: "You want to understand the spirit behind this campaign of ours, my friends, you can go to that other Concord, where America's first citizen militia held their line against King George and the greatest army of the day. We are their true heirs, my friends. We are the freedom fighters."

This audience was not

merely trailer park America. There were teachers, preachers and young computer executives, teenage girls wearing crucifixes and anti-abortion badges, and local matrons. They were all going crazy for Pat Buchanan.

"I have been for Pat since

research in economics at Harvard. He had planned to volunteer for Bill Clinton's campaign, but now agrees firmly with Mr Buchanan's defence of American jobs against the ravages of free trade and corporate downsizing.

"I'm for Pat because he

ens the powers that be," Mr Overlan said.

Pat Buchanan in full flow is a speaker so compelling that you almost miss the way the bywords of the far right are draped with eerie precision into every speech.

There is always a reference

to "silent screams of the innocent unborn", for the radical anti-abortion groups, and to "corporate greed", to rally his growing bands of trade union members.

There is always a reference to Michael Auer, the American soldier who was court-martialled and dishonourably discharged for refusing to wear United Nations insignia to serve in the Balkans.

"The ones we should dishonourably discharge are Bill and Hillary Clinton," Mr Buchanan says before promising that never again will American troops take part in a UN mission, or "American sovereignty be surrendered to some New World Order".

Outside the banquet hall and ballroom, a convoy of cars assembled for the first time.

Big black jeeps with flashing blue lights huddled protectively around an armoured limousine. The secret service

had arrived to protect the new front-runner.

Mr Buchanan reached out to a shaken Republican establishment yesterday, saying he could put together a coalition to beat President Clinton in the November 3 elections.

"I would beg those fellows in Washington: look it is clear Pat Buchanan represents working-class votes," he said on the NBC television Today programme from Columbia, South Carolina, where he had already begun campaigning for the state's March 3 primary.

"I can bring 'em all back. If these fellows will simply open the door, we can put together a coalition that will beat Bill Clinton. But for heaven's sake, stop the panicky name-calling, behave like adults, come on out and let's debate issues: are these trade treaties good for America?"

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Bob Dole and Lamar Alexander, they're the Beatles. Pat Buchanan is the Stones. He's the one that really frightens the powers that be'

'92, because I agree with him on the cultural war in this country and the right to bear arms," Leroy Crenshaw said. A 49-year-old black gym instructor from Springfield, he used to be a staunch Democrat. "I know he's no bigot."

A young south Asian wearing Buchanan staff credentials turned out to be a British citizen. Born in Goa, Paul De Sa is doing post-doctoral

reminds me of Bobby Kennedy. He's an idealist who means what he says, and I think Bobby would be backing Pat now on Gatt and Nafta if he'd lived. God rest his soul," Larry Overlan, a 46-year-old Irish-American from Boston, said.

"There's another thing. Dole and Alexander, they're the Beatles. Pat is the Stones. He's the one that really fright-

to the battle of Concord bridge on 19 April, 1775, which started the American Revolution, by defending the arsenal of the Massachusetts militia against confiscation by British Redcoats.

That appeals to the gun lobby, and to modern militia militants who know why April 19 was also the date of the Oklahoma City bombing last year.

Curse of the 'granite state' crushes Dole

RUNNER-UP/The party is all but over for the senator, writes Jonathan Freedland

LIKE all political wakes, they billed it as a victory party. They waved their "Dole for President" signs, drank beer and filled the ballroom of the Holiday Inn in central Manchester with loud, techno music. Fittingly, Are You All Ready For This, was the track of choice.

It was clear it was going to be a tough night from the moment they cut the sound from the outsized television sets dotted around the room. It was a gesture that said, "We'd rather not know."

Winning campaigns like to huddle around the television news, cheering as the pundits and spinners predict surges and triumphs for their candidate. But Bob Dole's supporters knew they would receive no such word from CNN on Tuesday night, and kept the scoreboard firmly on mute.

As the returns piled up, Mr Dole stayed a stubborn point or two behind Pat Buchanan, the television firebreather who is making life in the Dole clan so doleful. For a moment they would be tied, a cheer would rise, and then a new precinct would turn in its numbers. The computer would correct itself and the Dole-ites would go back to their beer. It was like watching the scoring at the Eurovision song contest; you knew it was pointless, but you watched anyway.

"We haven't had the absentee votes yet," said one optimist, but even he knew it was a lost cause. The curse of New Hampshire had humbled Mr Dole for the third time in 16 years.

Eventually, close to 10pm, the moment for concession came. Congressman Bill Zelliff, a Dole stalwart, had worked himself into a red-faced lather, whipping up the troops to give the candidate a big welcome. He had led the chants of "Dole '96, Dole '96" (which sounded alarmingly like a statement of the candi-



Winning ways... The Republican presidential hopeful Pat Buchanan (top) laughs as he declares victory at his election night rally in Manchester during the New Hampshire primary, while Senator Bob Dole (below) consoles supporters after coming second

The Tennessee waltzer is determined to dance on

ALSO-RANS/Jonathan Freedland in Manchester looks at the tough task facing third-placed Lamar Alexander

THE New Hampshire primary appears to have knocked out one presidential contender and stalled the rise of another even though both claimed "tremendous" victories.

Malcolm "Steve" Forbes, the publishing tycoon, and Lamar Alexander, the former Tennessee governor, both staked a lot on New Hampshire, but neither enjoyed dramatic success.

Mr Alexander said his strong third-place showing, just three points behind Bob Dole with 23 per cent, proved he had gone from "relative obscurity" to become a key contender. It was now time for Mr Dole to step aside, he said, so he and Pat Buchanan could fight "a battle for the soul of the party".

Boosted by his surprise third place in last week's contest in Iowa, Mr Alexander packed halls across New Hampshire. Many moderate Republicans were apparently persuaded by his ultra-simple slogan: "A-B-C, Alexander Beats Clinton". He now boasts that all that stands between him and the nomination is Bob Dole, whose candidacy is splitting moderate support and handing victory to Mr Buchanan.

"Bob's got no ideas, Pat's got the wrong ideas and I've got fresh ideas," Mr Alexander said yesterday.

"It's between Pat and me." But privately Mr Alexander's aides admit it will be an enormous task to persuade the party to make him, rather than Mr Dole, the standard bearer for moderate conservatism. The reason is simple: Mr Alexander has not won anywhere.

His strategists said an upset second place in New Hampshire would have brought fresh momentum and cash. Two successive

has no base and has done little campaigning. Aides were last night considering pulling out of Arizona.

They hope to hold on until the South Carolina contest on March 3, when Mr Alexander's southern credentials could swing a victory. But party insiders have severe doubts. They fear that allegations relating to his financial dealings while governor of Tennessee could mushroom into a Whitewater-style scandal. Records show he once made \$600,000 from an investment of a single dollar. In another parallel to the Clintons, there are also questions about the financial dealings of Mr Alexander's wife Honey.

The outlook is bleakest for Steve Forbes, once seen as the front-runner in New Hampshire. He came fourth on Tuesday night with just 12 per cent. After burning bright with his call for a flat-rate income tax, the multi-millionaire now appears to have flamed out. He turned off countless voters with a negative TV advertising campaign and yesterday one top official in his campaign condemned the strategy as "poor".

Mr Forbes insists he will keep running all the way to the party convention in San Diego in August. But he speaks less now about winning the presidency and more about influencing the debate. He is said to be chastened by the fact that after spending nearly \$25 million of his own money, all he has achieved is a black mark on his once-pristine reputation.

The outlook is bleakest for Steve Forbes, once seen as front-runner

third-place showings have to be converted into a victory soon, they said.

By his own estimate, Mr Alexander has to raise up to \$3 million (£1.9 million) within two weeks, yet many of his supporters have already contributed the \$1,000 legal maximum. Yesterday he contacted 320 benefactors in a telephone fundraising blitz. Mr Dole said curdy that his rival was now "broke".

Mr Alexander also lacks an immediate chance for a breakthrough. In the next contests, in Delaware, the Dakotas and Arizona, he

European papers worried by success of 'anti-free trader'

PAUL Taylor in Paris

EUROPE shuddered at the thought that the isolationist, protectionist Pat Buchanan might capture the US Republican presidential nomination.

Italy's left-leaning La Repubblica compared the outspoken opponent of free trade and international institutions to Hitler.

"In other times, in another country, Buchanan would be defined as a 'national socialist'. In today's United States, he is seen as a marvel, as something radically new," it lamented.

France's Le Monde called him a "pure, hardline nationalist" and noted in an editorial entitled "The dangers of American fundamentalism" that history showed success in New Hampshire was often a stepping-stone to the White House. — Reuter.

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Pat Buchanan's grassroots fund-raising operation, Dial 1-800-Go-Pat-Go, is now raking in over \$100,000 a day. Martin Walker

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Exchange reform plans 'recipe for chaos'

Patrick Donovan
City Editor

SIR Nicholas Redmayne, chief executive of brokers Kleinwort Benson, yesterday underlined the loss of confidence in the Stock Exchange by the City's most senior practitioners, condemning as a "recipe for chaos" plans to speed through reforms by August.

The inquiry was set up after the acrimonious sackings of chief executive Michael Lawrence and comes as the exchange is planning to revamp the way the market works to

head off competition from rival bourses. Sir Nicholas told MPs he thought the exchange still had a role, but needed to earn back the respect of its City membership. He was speaking after submitting a written statement to the MPs.

The statement said: "The Stock Exchange has seemed unable to grasp the need to define clearly its role and its relationship with members. For this reason we believe the corporate governance of the exchange should now be reviewed. The atmosphere of confrontation, so keenly felt by member firms in recent years, must now end."

He expressed misgivings about the exchange's plans to switch from quote-driven to order-driven share trading — as commonly used by the big financial giant, made it clear that Kleinwort was by no means speaking for all City players. Managing director Gordon Lawson said there were many advantages to order-driven dealing, which will "foster market integrity and thus promote enhanced investor protection".

Unless the changes were made, business "could migrate either to other exchanges or take place off-exchange", he said.

Notebook Guru behind Pat Buchanan



Edited by
Alex Brummer

IT IS axiomatic that successful US presidential candidates have their personal economic guru. Candidate Ronald Reagan was a follower of Professor Arthur Laffer, who famously drew him a chart on a table napkin demonstrating how a cut in tax rates would result in increased revenues as a result of greater enterprise and growth. Bill Clinton was a close follower of Professor Robert Reich, whose 1981 book *Work of Nations* argued that in an increasingly globalised economy it was the skill base and capacities of the population which would determine standards of living.

Gehe gobsmacked

ELSWHERE, at least one German company, the pharmacy group Gehe, was given a quick lesson in the ways of Anglo-Saxon capitalism. By raising its bid to Lloyds Chemist to 500p cash, Gehe naturally believed it had delivered a knock-out punch leaving its British rival, Unichem, in the sand.

Gloves off in Lloyds fight

Paul Murphy

AFIERCE row broke out yesterday in the 2650 million fight to control the pharmacy group Lloyds Chemist, culminating in allegations of stock market manipulation involving one of the two suitors, Unichem.

The City's Takeover Panel was last night asked to intervene but advisers to Unichem dismissed the charges as "scurrilous stuff".

Hostilities erupted in the morning after Gehe, the ambitious German group, increased its cash offer for Lloyds by 50p to 500p, sending shares in Lloyds racing up to 496p at one stage.

Unichem's advisers pointed out that market-makers at UBS have historically transacted heavy business in Unichem and that their market makers always operate independently from any corporate broking objectives. When questioned by the Takeover Panel yesterday, UBS is understood to have "put its case robustly".

Soon there was a surge in Unichem's share price, bringing the value of Unichem's existing cash and shares offer for Lloyds to a whisker of Gehe's new bid terms. BZW, one of Unichem's stockbrokers, used this opportunity to raid the stock market, paying 497 1/4p to acquire a near-10 per cent stake in Lloyds.

Unichem's chief executive, Jeffrey Harris, said: "We remain confident that the acquisition will be earnings enhancing for Unichem in the first full year and that with strong operating cash flow the enlarged group gearing will be reduced rapidly."

Unions say branch closures break Halifax jobs promise

Sarah Ryle

UNIONS and MPs yesterday attacked the Halifax building society for breaking a promise that merger with the Leeds would not result in job losses and warned that "merger mania" in the sector would cost 10,000 jobs by the end of the decade.

but the job losses at the Halifax are what we predicted. We believe hundreds of jobs could go. There will be job losses whether they are compulsory or not. In the past six years 120,000 finance jobs have gone. Many societies are vulnerable to takeover by banks and we want them to be honest when they go to the members about the threat to jobs and local branches."

The attack followed the announcement by the Halifax that it is to shut 120 branches to remove overlaps and is reviewing the organisation of its head office.

BIFU said 2,000 jobs were being lost due to the Abbey National and National & Provident merger. An additional 10,000 in the sector would face redundancy as a result of the TSB and Lloyds Bank merger.

THREAT TO JOBS IN GERMAN BLACKSPOTS...



Near the rocks... Bremen shipyard workers leave their plant to demonstrate for jobs

Bremer Vulkan in crisis move

Mark Miller
European Business Editor

THERE jobs of 23,000 workers in some of Germany's unemployment blackspots are in the balance after the country's biggest shipyard group said it was applying for court protection from its creditors.

The move, which came after all-night crisis talks at Bremer Vulkan failed to produce an immediate rescue package, will give the shipyard group a breathing space in which to try to reach a deal with its creditors. The talks involved management, bankers and politicians.

and are trying to "save as many jobs as possible", according to Bremer's mayor, Henning Scherf. He said yesterday that he thought a rescue "cannot be realised without a new partner".

... AND IN LONG-SUFFERING SCOTTISH TOWN

Shotts closes ranks to resist closure

Martyn Halsall
Northern Industrial Correspondent

ASMALL Scottish town launched a rescue campaign yesterday for its largest employer after Cummins, the American diesel engine manufacturer, announced the closure of its plant at Shotts, Strathclyde, with the loss of 700 jobs.

Local people reacted with shock to closure plans for a plant which employed 1,400 at its peak in the mid-1970s.

Unemployment nudges 15 per cent in an area where coal was the main employer until the 1950s. A former miner, John Shearer, 59, said: "There's nothing left. It's a dead village now... the only other employers are a bakery and an ice cream factory and they will be lucky if they have 150 jobs between them."

Trouble at mills

GERMANY'S biggest shipyard group has now moved to seek protection from its creditors. No bid has been put forward for the group's 23,000 workers, and its suppliers and creditors. Shipbuilding is a tough

Levi chiefs plan to button up jeans maker's shares

Mark Tran in New York

LEVI Strauss is planning to go completely private in a deal that values the world's largest jeans maker at nearly \$14 billion (\$9 billion). Chairman Robert Haas and his closest associates are planning to buy back the shares belonging to nearly 200 Haas family members for \$2.5 billion.

The deal, however, has been complicated by the death last week of Mr Haas's aunt Rhoda Haas Goldman, whose family controls 12.4 per cent of the company.

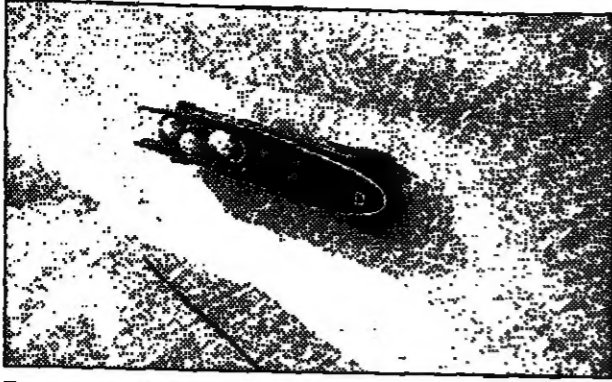
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Four men and a bob... but winning has not been a habit

Alex Duval Smith talks to **Albert Grimaldi** about this weekend's final run in the driving seat of the principality's bobsleigh team

Monaco's ice prince hot for final sleigh

IT IS the dilemma of every top amateur: how to juggle the demands of one's sport, job and social life. After 10 years trying to get the three right, Prince Albert of Monaco has decided to end his career on the world bobsleigh circuit.

Prince? Career? Bobsleigh? Yes. As the world worried about the hazardous combination of the Prince of Wales and a polo-stick, the Grimaldi heir was trying to succeed at 50mph on icy horsehoe bends. With a little help from South Wales.

It is not that he has failed, nor that Prince Rainier III has finally decided to hand over the reins of the Mediterranean sovereignty state. But this weekend's four-man bobsleigh event at the world championships in Calgary is likely to be the last for Albert Grimaldi — as he appears on the drivers' starting list.

"The pressures of work are getting too much," he said from his hotel room. Monaco had not even been able to enter the two-man event in Canada last weekend because Prince Albert was tied up with official duties at the annual television festival.

"It is becoming increasingly hard to find the time to travel and do sufficient out-of-season training and spend time with my team-mates," said the 37-year-old.

He denied he has come under pressure from his father to avoid fatal injury. The high-speed Curse of the

Grimaldis cost the life of his mother, Grace Kelly, on bend on the Côte d'Azur cornice in 1952. His brother-in-law, Princess Caroline's husband, died in a powerboat accident.

"My father thought my choice of sport a little strange at first, but I explained that it was the challenge of it and he has always been supportive," said Prince Albert.

The biggest challenge was finding enough people among the principality's 26,000 population who were prepared to put away the suncream and go training with the team. "Most people had not even heard of bobsleigh and certainly could not spell it," said Prince Albert, who set up the Monaco Bobsleigh and Skeleton Federation in 1987 after taking a course in St Moritz.

But South Wales came to the rescue, in the shape of Malcolm Lloyd, a former miner, soldier and member of the Great Britain No.1 bobsleigh team. He was hired as coach, and was soon joined in Monaco by the Welsh rugby player Mark Thomas, son of Clem who captained Wales in the Fifties.

With Prince Albert as driver and Thomas as brakeman there was still a need for pushers. So the 480-acre kingdom was scoured for men with "the explosive power of sprinters combined with body weight". The royal choice fell on a croupier from the casino and a palace gardener.

Helped by Nike, Diesel



Prince and the pusher... Monaco were third in the French championship and hope to be in the top 20 in Calgary

jeans and an Italian textile company based in Monte Carlo. Prince Albert bought equipment from the front of his bobsleighs he stuck his coat of arms — two monks with swords, in honour of Francois Grimaldi who, after being thrown out of Genoa in 1297, put on a habit and staged a bloodless coup to win Monaco.

Winning is not a quality Prince Albert has brought to the bobsleigh circuit. But he is hurt by references to Eddie the Eagle and Cool Runnings

— the Walt Disney film about the Jamaican bobsleigh team.

After all, his team came a respectable third in the French championships this winter. "We got off to a poor start this season but we have been getting better. If all goes well this weekend we could be in the top 20, out of 32 slides," said the prince.

Lloyd thinks this is realistic. "There is nothing wrong with Albert's driving ability. We just have to secure a good start," he said.

Lloyd, whose contract

comes up for renewal at the end of this month, said working with the prince was no problem. "The trouble is that he is in such demand. It is difficult for him to follow a training schedule.

"After Prince Albert retires he will continue to take an interest in the team and to encourage us. My ambition is to get the team in really good shape for Nagano in 1998."

Prince Albert said: "I will miss the thrill of this addictive sport. Flushing a 600lb sled down an ice track is an amazing sensation, and it's great to pull a team together."

Holding together the kingdom for his 72-year-old father will be his main concern in future. But the pressure is off in terms of finding a wife and having children; the throne will pass to Andrea, Princess Caroline's 11-year-old daughter, if he fails.

Bobsleigh, it is clear, is not the best arena for finding princesses. "The women are just starting. There are about 10 women's teams, but none in Monaco yet," he said.

Sport in brief

Capriati back with quick and easy win

JENNIFER CAPRIATI needed only 51 minutes yesterday to mark an impressive return to the WTA tennis circuit after a lengthy absence, writes David France. The 19-year-old American overpowered the seventh seed, Kristie Boogert of the Netherlands, 6-1, 6-2 at the Nokia Grand Prix in Essen. Today she plays Austria's Barbara Schett for a quarter-final place.

"It was fun. It was good," smiled Capriati, who dominated a one-sided contest from the baseline and showed no sign of the hip injury that forced her to abort an earlier and much publicised comeback attempt in Paris a week ago. Capriati, who in 1991 was ranked sixth in the world, had not won a match since August 1993, when she beat Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in the semi-finals of the Canadian Open. There she lost the final to Steffi Graf and then, after suffering a first-round defeat by Lilia Meskhi at the US Open, she walked away from the game.

After a court appearance and spells in a drug rehabilitation centre, the young millionairess attempted a comeback at Philadelphia in November 1994 but lost to Anke Huber and disappeared yet again. "This time I'm ready," she declared in Paris. "The desire is there. It's still inside me."

Girardelli still king of the hill

MARC GIRARDELLI proved himself one of skiing's all-time greats when he won the men's combined at the Alpine World Championships in the Spanish Sierra Nevada. The 32-year-old Austrian-born skier, who represents Luxembourg, stood 2.52sec behind the leader Mario Reiter, of Austria, after Tuesday's slalom and secured the title for the third time after yesterday's downhill with a winning overall time of 3:21.33sec. The downhill course, he nevertheless complained, was not steep enough. "It should have been a cross-country course," he said. "The race was a bit of a lottery."

Lasse Kjus of Norway, the holder and Olympic champion, had to settle for silver in 3:32.20, 0.25 behind, with Austria's Günther Mader third in 3:32.93. Girardelli, whose career has been plagued by injuries, remains a dominant figure in his 17th World Cup season. He has won 11 world championship medals — four gold, four silver, three bronze — and two Olympic silver medals.

McMillan joins Lewis stable

COLIN McMILLAN, the former WBO featherweight champion from east London, has signed a "flexible" contract with Lennox Lewis's promoters Panos Eliades and Frank Maloney with a view to challenging for a world title within three fights. The first will be a British title challenge to Doncaster's Jemio Irwin in March or April. Assuming he wins, McMILLAN will make a voluntary defence before challenging Luisito Espinosa of the Philippines for the WBC title in London some time in July, between the end of Wimbledon and the start of the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Polgar senior a world-beater

ZSUZSA POLGAR, at 26 the oldest of Hungary's trio of chess-playing sisters, clinched the women's world championship at Jaen in Spain yesterday when she defeated China's Xie Jun 8½-4½, writes Leonard Barden. The 25-year-old from Beijing had held the title since 1991 but was totally outplayed this time, winning two games to Polgar's six and surviving only 24 moves in the final game, the shortest of the series, before resigning a knight down. Zsuzsa still ranks only No. 2 in the world behind her 19-year-old sister Judit. The youngest Polgar has consistently refused to compete for the women's crown, preferring top men's events; she is now in the world top 10.

Bailey sprint record in doubt

DONOVAN BAILEY's world indoor 50 metres record of 5.56sec in Nevada on February 5 remains unthreatened because of a dubious start. The Canadian beat the previous best of 5.51 set by East Germany's Manfred Kuster in 1973 and equaled by the American James Sanford in 1981, but this week's Grand Prix standings do not include any world-record bonus points for him. "The ratification of Bailey's record is questionable," said Bob Hersh, chairman of the men's records panel of USA Track and Field. "From the videotape there appears to have been a false start."

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Racing

Champion test for Alderbrook

Chris Hawkins

TODAY'S Wincanton meeting survives a 7am inspection at least two important pieces in the Champion Hurdle puzzle should be slotted into place.

The first will concern the fitness of Alderbrook following his knee surgery during the summer, and the second will tell us whether the once-raced Right Win is a genuine Cheltenham contender.

It was a year ago today in the Kingsley flat burst on the scene. Stories about his prowess at home had been leaking out for some time, but that was the first public demonstration that he was truly exceptional. His majestic success at Cheltenham confirmed it was no flash in the pan and fully vindicated Ernie Pick's decision to send him to Kim Bailey. But the owner's subsequent plan to go back to racing with the horse misfired, resulting in the wear and tear injury.

Until Christmas connections were by no means sure that Alderbrook would make a comeback, but he has worked wonders. In recent weeks he has made rapid strides, although he will not be 100 per cent today.

Right Win is a similar sort to Alderbrook: a group of three horses on the flat with a ground, in other words, an ideal prospective hurdler provided he could jump.

On his debut at Sandown last month he skipped round and beat five previous winners with authority. It was an impressive performance and there is no telling what heights he might reach.

We should know much more about that today as he battles Alderbrook, whom he meets at levels, he takes on the very useful Alan Abar,

Wincanton runners and riders with form guide

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An easy target... Taylor is portrayed as "Turnip"

Taylor says yes to Watford

Russell Thomas

GRAHAM TAYLOR is back in charge at Watford — almost 20 years after he launched the unfashionable Vicarage Road club to undreamt-of success.

Twenty-four hours after Glenn Roeder departed, the First Division strugglers confirmed Taylor's return, this time as general manager to head up a new regime to resurrect Watford's fortunes.

After a board meeting the club issued a brief statement: "Graham will have overall responsibility for running all aspects of the club on a day-to-day basis."

Earlier yesterday, club officials did nothing to dispel the conviction that Taylor, synonymous with Watford's rapid rise to the old First Division in his first reign, was about to return.

The former England manager had been out of the game since he split from Wolves in November, and a development at Molineux yesterday pointed further to him returning to Watford.

Several names associated with Taylor's golden era of 1977-1987 were being linked with places in the new Watford structure, among them Pat Rice, Arsenal's youth team chief, and Tom Walley, currently with Millwall.

Although Taylor was reviled as "Turnip" by one national newspaper after his England failings, his reputation has remained gloriously intact at Watford, whom he took from the old Fourth Division to the First in five seasons.



Trials and tribulations of Graham Taylor's life... above, anxiety on the England bench in 1992 and, left, intensity as Aston Villa's manager in 1989. A public apology was in order, middle, to Watford's fans in 1982 after he accused them of lack of support for the team; and last November, right, he quietly contemplated the end of his Wolves reign



Jefferies' knowing touch has Hearts fluttering

Patrick Glenn on the quarter-finalists with Scottish Cup celebration on their mind

IN THE vicinity of Tynecastle Park there is a growing conviction that Hearts will celebrate the 40th anniversary of their last Scottish Cup triumph by lifting the oldest trophy this year.

That optimism does not spring from a comparison of the present squad with a 1958 team littered with internationals — Dave Mackay, Alex Young and the fearsome inside-forward trio of Alfie Conn, Willie Bauld and Jimmy Wardhaugh.

Those fans old enough to remember a largely one-sided 3-1 victory over Celtic by a side who went on to win two league championships and two Scottish League Cups in the next four years would be dismissive of any claims on behalf of today's possessors of the maroon jersey.

But they are likely to share with younger supporters a resurgent feeling of impending glory based on the transformation effected at the old club since Jim Jefferies became manager last July.

Jefferies, a lifelong Hearts fan who spent 15 years as a player at Tynecastle, left Falkirk acrimoniously to join a club without either money or

days when things just didn't go for us, but the fans left singing because they understood there are days like that."

Jefferies has no coaching certificate with which to proclaim his competence. He had reached management level in the insurance business when the amateur team in the Borders village of Lauder "poached me" to help out in a crisis.

From there to Hawick Royal Albert and Gala Fairydean until, in 1990, he gave up the day job shortly before his 40th birthday to become the full-time manager of Falkirk.

"It's been about getting players to believe that what you're doing is right," he says. "I knew when I arrived at Hearts that the club basically had to be changed. Players already here were given a chance but I knew that, despite the change a team gets initially from a new manager, the old habits would come back. When they did the changes were made, and the players have responded brilliantly."

"Hearts have let people down too much in the past to be setting targets at this stage. But we wouldn't fear meeting anybody who is left in the cup. I think none of the Premier sides left — Rangers, Celtic or Aberdeen — would fancy meeting us. But of course there is still a great deal to do. There always is."

"We still have big financial worries," says Jefferies. "But the way the fans have responded has helped. They're coming back because they see what we're trying to do. When we lost at home to Aberdeen recently it was one of those

Results

Soccer

UNION LEAGUE President's Cup: Dundee United 1, Dundee 1. PONTING LEAGUE Second Division: Forth Vale 1, Thistle 2. Scottish Cup: Hearts 1, Celtic 0.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATIONS: Bath 1, Bristol City 1. PREMIER LEAGUE PRINT CAPITAL LEAGUE: Arsenal 2, Liverpool 1. FA WARRIORS CUP: Woking 1, Wokingham 1.

LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Cardiff City 1, Cardiff 1. SOUTH AMERICAN OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS: Boca Juniors 2, Colo Colo 1. FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL: Colombia 4, Lithuania 2.

Rugby Union

CUBAN NATIONS: Newcastle 1, Newcastle 1. CUBAN NATIONS: Newcastle 1, Newcastle 1.

Tennis

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY CHAMPIONSHIP: (Singles) First round: A. Volkov (Rus) 6-3, 6-2, 6-1. A. Volkov (Rus) 6-3, 6-2, 6-1. A. Volkov (Rus) 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.

Cricket

WORLD CUP: Group A: Zimbabwe 228-6 (over), Sri Lanka 225-6 (over). Sri Lanka won by 30 runs.

Cycling

TOUR OF ARABIA: Third stage (Malaga to Torrox: 117.2km): 1, E. Zabal (Esp) 4:30.2. 2, R. Lopez (Esp) 4:31.2. 3, J. Garcia (Esp) 4:32.2.

Ice Hockey

BRITISH LEAGUE: Dundee 1, Dundee 1. Dundee 1, Dundee 1.

Snooker

INTERNATIONAL OPEN (Swindon): Third round: H. Williams (Eng) 5-0. H. Williams (Eng) 5-0.

Alpine Skiing

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (St. Moritz): Men: 1st run: 1, M. Garamba (Lit) 2:08.2. 2, I. Kiser (Ger) 2:08.3.

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Rugby League

ALLIANCE CHALLENGE CUP: Newcastle 1, Newcastle 1.

Chess

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP: Group A: Zimbabwe 228-6 (over), Sri Lanka 225-6 (over).

Cycling

TOUR OF ARABIA: Third stage (Malaga to Torrox: 117.2km): 1, E. Zabal (Esp) 4:30.2.

Ice Hockey

BRITISH LEAGUE: Dundee 1, Dundee 1. Dundee 1, Dundee 1.

Snooker

INTERNATIONAL OPEN (Swindon): Third round: H. Williams (Eng) 5-0. H. Williams (Eng) 5-0.

Alpine Skiing

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (St. Moritz): Men: 1st run: 1, M. Garamba (Lit) 2:08.2.

Kendall moves for Walker as Claridge moves nowhere

HOWARD KENDALL is on the verge of signing the Celtic striker Andy Walker for £500,000 in an attempt to turn the fortunes of Sheffield Wednesday.

Walker joined Celtic from Bolton in 1994 for a cut-price fee of £250,000 after Bolton had demanded £2 million for the out-of-control player. He had been Wanderers' leading scorer for two successive years but has been unable to reproduce that form regularly in his native country and has been forced out of Celtic's first team.

Last week Kendall had a £1 million bid for Manchester City's Republic of Ireland striker Niall Quinn blocked by the Premiership club. Birmingham's striker Steve Claridge has had his proposed £1.3 million move to Leicester blocked by his manager Barry Fry.

The striker is involved in a pay dispute with the First Division club and looked set to make the switch across the Midlands after talks with Leicester's manager Martin O'Neill. But Fry recalled him to Birmingham's first team on Tuesday and said: "As far as I am concerned the whole thing is off. Claridge stays here and sees out the remaining 18 months of his contract."

Smith, a wild-card entry, put up a much better display against Laura, who upset top seed Inara Colares in the first round. She hung on to take the first set after squandering a 5-3 lead, before the 18-year-old teenager began to take control.

The unbroken light-middleweight Adrian Dodson will defend his WBO inter-continental title against Spain's Javier Castellano at York Hall, Bethnal Green. The fight is one of six Barry Hearn has signed with ITV, the next two coming on April 15 featuring champion Eamonn Loughran, and Dodson again on May 4. The other three fights are scheduled for later in 1996.

Republic holds crisis talks

THE air of impending crisis surrounding the Football Association of Ireland thickened last night when a crisis meeting was held to discuss the standing of the game in the Republic.

Top of the agenda is believed to have been the resignation of Joe McGrath, the FAI's director of coaching, who departed yesterday five days after the equally sudden resignation of the chief executive Sean Connolly.

Also on last night's agenda was the handling of Jack Charlton's resignation as Republic manager in December and the methods used in the search for a successor. Mick McCarthy was appointed manager this month amid much media fanfare. But within 24 hours of the appointment the FAI president Louis Kilcoyne said on Irish radio that McCarthy had not been his first choice to fill the post.

The FAI is also believed to have discussed an alleged £200,000 shortfall from its allocation of tickets for the 1994 World Cup finals.

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Caledonian switch to Tannadice CALEDONIAN Thistle's Scottish Cup quarter-final against Rangers has been switched to Dundee United's Tannadice ground, a 250-mile round trip for the "home" supporters.

Results Soccer UNION LEAGUE President's Cup: Dundee United 1, Dundee 1. PONTING LEAGUE Second Division: Forth Vale 1, Thistle 2.

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WORLD CUP CRICKET

Indians ride their luck on Lara and Tendulkar

Derek Grundy in Gwalior

INDIA, extravagantly favoured by fortune, under the floodlights here by five wickets with 83 balls to spare...

Table with 11 columns: GROUP A, P, W, L, T, W, P, RR, etc.

off the legs, was forgivable but not the dolly that Browne, the wicketkeeper, dropped when Tendulkar miscued a short-arm pull at Bishop.

Tendulkar's dismissal then would have reduced India to 35 for three. The foundation to their innings had been joined by Ambrose in a fiery opening spell.

West Indies' bowling varied in quality. Their emphasis on a leg-stump line in the early stages of the Tendulkar-Asharuddin stand was expensive, as both batsmen were strong off the legs.

Rugby Union

Telfer seeks to praise England and bury them

Robert Armstrong

SCOTLAND'S manager Jim Telfer yesterday persisted with his policy of raising England in a low-key propaganda build-up to next week's Calcutta Cup match at Murrayfield.

"England are one of the best, if not the best, sides in the northern hemisphere," said Telfer, ignoring the fact that England defeated the Scots who have named an unchanged side for the fourth straight game.

The selectors have kept faith with the young Craig Mitchell even though his second-half replacement against Wales, Kenny Logan, gave an outstanding performance.

The sharp fall in momentum which followed Tendulkar's dismissal and the quick departure of Prabhakar held out promise of a tight finish. But Mongia flicked off his legs, cut wicketfully and looked so assured that Kamhi, weighed down for a while, again cut loose.

West Indies' own batting was undistinguished, though they were due much sympathy for the fate of Lara. The ball from Srinath was a good one but the television replay left little doubt that the deflection was off the top of the pad.

Their partnership of 75, the breach of which led to the fall of two more quick wickets, was the crux of the innings, although Harper and Brown put on 43 for the sixth wicket.

WEST INDIES: S C Campbell & Srinath 5, R B Richardson & Kamhi 47, S C Lara & Mongia & Srinath 75, S Chandrapaul & Asharuddin 36, R C Holder & Kamble 35, J C Harper & Kumbla 28, D G Gibson & Prabhakar 24, A Bishop run out 2, C E L Antares & Kumbla 8, S Prabhakar 8, De Silva not out 16, Extras (incl. w.t. nsv) 1

INDIA: A D Jadhav & Ambrose 79, S R Tendulkar run out 79, S Srinath & Ambrose 33, M Asharuddin & Walsh & Harper 32, V G Kamble not out 24, S Prabhakar & D G Gibson 24, S Prabhakar 8, De Silva not out 16, Extras (incl. w.t. nsv) 1



High-fives and low-two... India celebrate the dismissal of Lara, caught at the wicket for two off what the TV replay indicated was his pad. ART KUMAR

Win for Sri Lanka under armed guard

Our Correspondent

SRI LANKA, the team nobody wanted to play, finally opened their World Cup campaign yesterday in conditions of tight security in Colombo.

guard inside and outside the stadium and traffic was barred from all roads leading to the ground, but supporters turned up in their thousands. They had plenty to cheer as a third-wicket stand of 173 by Asanka Gurusinha and the Kent batsman Aravinda de Silva steered Sri Lanka to a

six-wicket victory over Zimbabwe in the Group A match. Queues formed hours before the start, and every incoming spectator was subjected to a thorough body search. Bottles and cans were confiscated but musical instruments, and several brass bands entertained the

capacity crowd of 20,000. The crowd applauded the Zimbabwean players throughout, recognising their courage in coming to a city where more than 80 people were blown up by a huge bomb on January 31. The refusal of the Australian and West Indies sides to play there leaves Sri

Lanka, co-hosts of the World Cup with India and Pakistan, reduced to two matches instead of four - yesterday's and another against Kenya on March 6.

Worried Warne points the finger at his finger

SHANE WARNE has admitted to long-term concern about the state of his spinning finger as Australia prepare to make their belated entry into the World Cup against Kenya tomorrow.

Hailed by Pakistan's Abdul Qadir last week as the best leg-spinner in history, Warne is to have a bone scan after the tournament and has even discussed the possibility of surgery.

"Yes, I am worried about it long-term," said Warne, who in December became the first bowler in Test history to take 50 wickets in a calendar year for three years in succession.

Warne had two cortisone injections during the last Australian summer and had another just before leaving for the sub-continent earlier this month, but he has continued to experience difficulties.

are some torn and stretched ligaments in there, but no one really knows the full thing. When I get back I'll be having a bone scan, so we'll have to wait and see.

Badminton

All clear after Muggeridge

Richard Jago in Prague

ENGLAND followed the shock of seeing their No. 1 woman Joanne Muggeridge lose the opening encounter with a steady recovery in which both the men's and the women's sides made winning starts at the World Team Championships yesterday.

Sport in brief

Motor Racing

The McLaren-Mercedes of Finland's Mika Hakkinen was fastest around the Estoril track yesterday on a day marked by the problems of the world champion Michael Schumacher's Ferrari.

Basketball

Shot-shy England madden

Christian Bright

THE pet hate of Lasseo Nemeth is a team who do not at least try a shot every time they embark on an offence. Three times it happened to England in the second half at Crystal Palace and three times the national coach was left tearing his grey hair out as his Hungarian compatriots disposed of the home players to score.

Snooker

Twelve hours after depriving

the Sweater Shop International Open of its title favourite Stephen Hendry, Rod



Moon... leading light

Players bind tight to look after their interests

Paul Weaver

THE Rugby Union Players' Association was launched in London yesterday, starting

self-consciously and ending with a precocious swagger.

At first it looked likely to be swallowed up in the Victorian vastness of the Great Western Road, beside Paddington Station. The beer leaders were OTT and the chairman Bob Norster, whose biggest challenge will be to persuade people that Rupa is not flogging private health insurance, had his address interrupted only in October - until then players' interests were the last thing the Rugby Football Union considered - yesterday's launch was remarkable.

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Rupa will represent players at any level. That means a potential membership of 500,000 and, with a subscription of £1 a week, it could soon exercise financial as well as collective muscle.

half who is a solicitor specialising in employment law, said it would snowball. Two hours later it had.

Norster, the former Lion, described the association as "an advice clinic. It will give the players a collective voice and put them at the centre of rugby union as the game develops".

Reid wants team officials to emphasise the threat of suspensions and remind players that matters are in their own hands.

"I don't think managers and coaches pass on to their teams the potential damage that a suspension can do to their hopes," he said. "But I can tell them that we referees are pretty serious about the situation."

Referee calls for bans

Mike Selvey on a tough proposal from John Reid to punish code violators

A LEADING match referee yesterday argued that players be suspended rather than fined for breaking the International Cricket Council's code of conduct.

John Reid, the former New Zealand captain who will officiate in today's group B match between England and Holland, feels that fines are becoming ineffective because they are not being paid by the players themselves.

The code and the match referees to administer it have been in place since before the last World Cup. At first it helped to halt the decline in standards of behaviour but the feeling now is that some players are beginning to ignore aspects of the code because they know they will not be out of pocket even if the maximum fines are imposed on them.

Reid, regarded as a tough but fair referee, said: "We all know that sponsors, including sports equipment manufacturers, get together to pay the players' fines. But in a competition like this [the World Cup] where sides have only 14 players to choose from, you want certainly get their attention if you take a player out."

Match referees already have the power to suspend players for major offences but a fine is the usual punishment, even for something like serious dissent. The maximum fine is half the match fee a player would receive in a home series.

In England this is deducted at source by the Test and County Cricket Board, although that by no means precludes an under-the-counter repayment. Two seasons ago in the series against South Africa the England captain Mike Atherton became so used to handing over money to the match referee Peter Burge (£3,000 in all) that he was beginning to consider himself an amateur.

Reid believes that the amount and intensity of cricket coverage - around 400 hours in this tournament with numerous cameras including close-up and super-slow motion to accentuate action - creates "trial by television" for umpires.

"There is no doubt that the introduction of match referees has led to a dramatic improvement in player behaviour," he said, "and the threat of cameras and television replays have taken some of the heat out of dicey situations."

"But the cameras cannot cover beyond-the-line decisions because there is a forbidden-line picture. For catches the umpire has to hear the click, see the deflection and take notice of the body language."

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CAPRIATI MARKS HER COMEBACK WITH RESOUNDING VICTORY



Returning powerfully... Jennifer Capriati surges to a straight-sets win on her reappearance on the WTA Tour in Essen yesterday. Story, page 13

Humble man who never walked alone



Frank Keating

GOOD Bob Paisley was laid to rest in his parish churchyard yesterday as Liverpool supporters respected his family's request for privacy, and there were less than 100 gathered outside when the simple coffin, adorned with red and white roses, was carried into St Peter's, Woolton. There will be a more-acclaiming memorial service in the city in the spring.

His widow Jessie, their three children and seven grandchildren led the mourners, who included a number of players from Paisley's record-breaking teams as well as the four managers who succeeded him — Joe Fagan, Kenny Dalglish, Graeme Souness and Roy Evans.

Two of those, Fagan and Evans, would have been ruminating through moist eyes on the days when all the blazing red fires that were too hot for Europe were lit in the Anfield bootroom, which legend has it, was instituted by the late Bill Shankly after he arrived to manage the dingy Second Division club at Christmas 1959 and kept on the two backroom boys from the previous regime, Fagan and Paisley.

By sad but, somehow touching fluke, this very day is published an enlightening biography, Shankly (Virgin £14.99) by Stephen F Kelly, which richly celebrates the founder of the feat. Kelly writes: "As the pundits searched for an explanation for Liverpool's success, they hit upon the bootroom as a sort of Tardis with magical powers. There was nothing special about it, no brainstorming sessions, no magic potions, no wands. If there was any magic, it came from that small group who gathered within its four walls... and all that came out of that bootroom was plain common sense, although by 1970 it had become a shrine."

AND you can just picture it: a pot of tea on the hob, Shankly in his woolly cardie, Paisley in his slippers, Fagan and Ronnie Moran still in their tracksuits. "Young so-and-so didn't look too bright this morning," Paisley would mutter in his north-east vernacular. "Probably out too far."

Sky hits Bruno fans in pocket

First pay-TV screening means boxing followers must find extra £9.95 for Las Vegas title contest

John Duncanson

RUPERT MURDOCH fired the first shots of a sports broadcasting revolution yesterday when Sky confirmed that next month's Frank Bruno-Mike Tyson fight in Las Vegas will be available live only on a pay-per-view basis, the first time the system has been attempted in Britain.

David Chance, deputy managing director, said: "We have no other plans for pay-per-view. Obviously this is a unique event in terms of British sport. The technology is in place, but as to whether pay-per-view comes to the UK in a big way, who knows? But we have absolutely no plans at the moment." He denied there were any plans to introduce it for Premiership football.

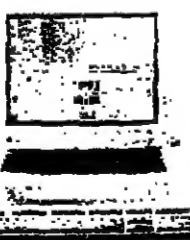
Trevor East, executive head of Sky Sports, is well aware of a possible backlash. He said: "It has to be balanced with an acute awareness of the needs of our subscribers. We have no intention of pay-per-view in future."

He added: "This fight was never part of the Sky Sports monthly package. The alternative was to go to a cinema and pay £25 and I'm sure at the end of the day, if I'm a punter looking at the snow coming down or bombs going off or whatever, I'd like to be in my own home watching this fight."

Jack Cunningham, shadow Heritage Secretary, said: "People are increasingly concerned about the availability of sport on television. Labour is determined to address the whole issue of sport on TV in the Broadcasting Bill."

Whitehall sources said it was inevitable that pay-per-view services would develop in Britain as they had in the US. Digital television's arrival is likely to increase the number of one-off events with additional charges to viewers. Sporting bodies and individual clubs will want to launch their own revenue-earning pay channels, and few digital services apart from BBC, ITV and Channel 5 are likely to be free.

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Thumbs down for pay-TV

Andrew Culf on a new survey showing minimal support for big-show surcharges



The bait... Tyson and Bruno, on small screens for big money

PUBLIC hostility to pay-per-view television was revealed yesterday in a survey which finds two-thirds of cable and satellite households unlikely to pay extra to watch selected events.

The population as a whole is even more trenchantly opposed, 72 per cent claiming they were unlikely to use pay-per-view.

These findings, from the monthly survey by CIA MediaLab, are bad news for BSkyB, which is about to pioneer the pay-TV market in Britain. Anthony Jones, head of CIA MediaLab, said the Bruno-Tyson fight would "show how far financially the British public are prepared to go".

The survey, conducted among 500 adults, demonstrated a wide public reluctance to pay extra for TV sport. Sixty-two per cent said they would be unwilling to pay an extra £5 on the licence fee to enable the BBC to bid for more events, an idea floated last month

by Robert Atkins, a former Minister for Sport, who said it would raise £100 million a year.

Eighty per cent supported legislation to ensure that the eight "listed" events — the so-called "sporting crown jewels" including the Grand National, Wimbledon and the FA Cup final — remained available on mainstream channels.

The finding echoes the mood of the House of Lords, which a fortnight ago passed an amendment to the Broadcasting Bill aimed at keeping the events on terrestrial television.

The Government is likely to make concessions on the issue when it is debated in

the Commons and may also support moves to ensure BBC and ITV access to highlights when Sky Sports has exclusive live coverage. Jones said: "The public clearly wants political intervention to ensure that sports coverage is available on terrestrial television, but it seems they are not willing to pay for it."

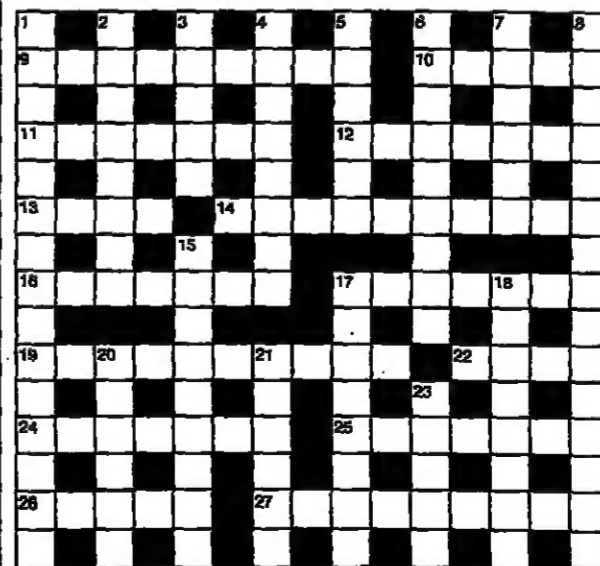
A separate survey from the media buyers Universal McCann delivered better news for BSkyB. It found 27 per cent in the 16-24 age group would sign up to cable and satellite if Sky Sports won exclusive rights to Wimbledon, the Grand National, Test cricket and the FA Cup final.

The sequence when Renton grovels for the remains of his hit down a lavatory basin equates the nightmare in his brain with the physical state he's in with grisly aptitude. All the characters are so recognisable that you don't know whether to laugh or cry.

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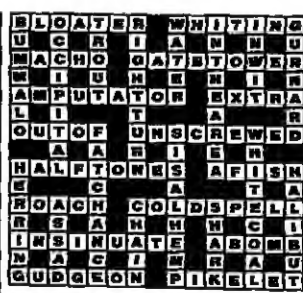


Across

- 9 The point of this device may not be apparent (6-3)
- 10,21 Unusual order to stand aside (3,2,3,3)
- 11 Late deliveries outstanding (7)
- 12 Still in a terrible fluster (7)
- 13 It should contain enough water to go round (4)
- 14 A slow keeper? Perhaps, but it's a gamble (10)
- 16 Make nothing of it (7)
- 17 One may peg out playing it out of doors (7)
- 19 Put one's finger on a measure to determine the gold standard (10)
- 22 Spanish river bore in spillover (4)
- 24 Organise a row on a river (7)
- 25 Wild boar in one African city (7)

Down

- 1 Will the leaves be disturbed by it? (1,5,2,1,6)
- 2 Could mean coming in fast, everything considered (5,3)
- 3 French study involves notes (5)
- 4 Wade about in a Scottish river for sport (8)
- 5 Falsely disloyal (6)
- 6 Work of a forger, bent but possibly lucky (9)
- 7 Man — a Scottish isle? (6)
- 8 Its members have a great deal in common (8)
- 15 Unprincipled and corrupt hedonists (9)
- 17 Holy orders? (5,3)



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- 18 Complete description of a mustang? (6)
- 20 Allow more line to run out to the fish (6)
- 21 see 10 across
- 23 Key list put out of government securities (5)

Solution tomorrow

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